

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Projects will be managed under a LIP Standard Agreement. The Agreement is a contract that must be signed by all program participants. Each contract will include a site-specific management plan developed cooperatively by the Coordinator and the landowner.

The Coordinator will meet twice yearly with the landowner on the property to assess habitat conditions, discuss management options, and ensure compliance with management requirements.

## PROJECT SELECTION

Individual projects will be selected through a competitive ranking process developed and implemented by the LIP Ranking Committee, consisting of the LIP Coordinator (Coordinator) and representatives of the USFWS, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and DFG.



Long-billed curlew, Photo USFWS



Yellow-headed blackbird, Photo USFWS

## QUESTIONS?

To find out more about LIP management practices, incentive payments, and to access a LIP application, visit the DFG website at:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/lip>

Or contact the LIP Coordinator

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# CALIFORNIA LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM



American avocet, Photo USFWS

## Conservation of Special Status Species on Central Valley Private Lands



Sandhill cranes, Photo USFWS

## BACKGROUND

The California Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) is an effort to reverse the decline of special status species in the Central Valley of California through the enhancement and management of private lands.



Tricolored blackbird, Photo USFWS

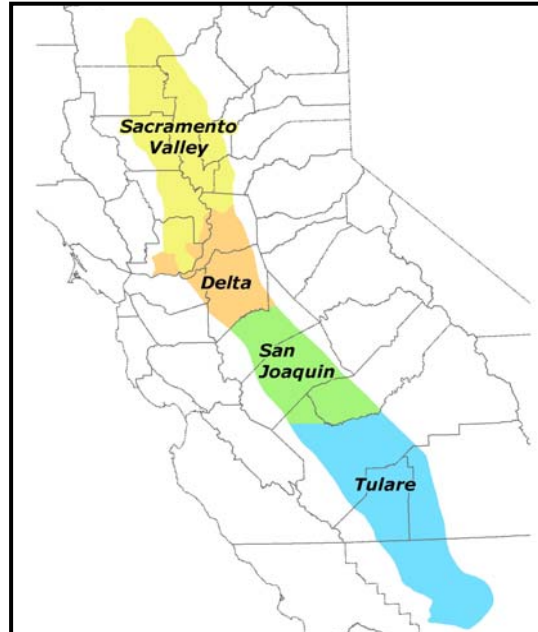
## COOPERATORS

The California LIP is a Department of Fish and Game (DFG) program funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and coordinated by Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (DU)

## LOCATION

LIP will be implemented in 4 geographic regions within the Central Valley:

1. Sacramento Valley
2. Delta/ Suisun Marsh
3. San Joaquin Basin
4. Tulare Basin



Map courtesy of Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

Loggerhead shrike, Photo USFWS



## FOCUS

California LIP efforts will focus on the following 6 management practices:

1. Semi-permanent wetlands (mid-March through mid-August flooding)
2. Permanent wetlands (year-round flooding)
3. Native grassland management (e.g., mowing, herbicide application to control weeds)
4. Riparian management (e.g., irrigation, weed control)
5. Post-harvest cropland flooding (Tulare Basin and Delta)
6. Tricolored blackbird management (deferred harvest of silage fields in Tulare Basin)

LIP will assist with the implementation of these practices by providing participating landowners with annual incentive payments in return for implementing habitat management efforts designed to benefit special status species.



Semi-permanent wetland, Photo DFG